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Appl. No.

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Applicant(s)

Charilaos Dalkidis et al.

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Title:

Apparatus for Treating Objects

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Examiner

Brian R. Gordon

Docket No.

37105.0029

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF (Fee) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Fee Transmittal and a fee check in the amount of \$172.00 for two independent claims in excess of three independent claims.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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